

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 581
By Kurita

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of William Douglas "Doug" Black, Sr., of Montgomery County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the untimely passing of William Douglas "Doug" Black, Sr.,; and

WHEREAS, Doug Black was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Doug Black was born in Montgomery County on September 29, 1937, to Dossie Buts Black and Stella Harvey Black; his maternal grandparents were Thell and Kate Trotter Harvey, and his paternal grandparents were Dan and Martha Baggett Black, all of the Cunningham Community; Doug Black had two sisters, are Betty Jean Meek and Alice Kay Smith; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Black graduated from Montgomery Central High School in 1956 and attended heavy equipment repair and business schools in Nashville, receiving valuable training in Highway Engineering and Waterways, Highway Maintenance, and Civil Defense; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Black served with acumen and alacrity for the past seventeen years as Montgomery County Highway Superintendent, in which position he earned the respect of his colleagues and his community for the exemplary quality of his work; he was in the second year of his fourth term at the time of his passing; and

WHEREAS, for thirteen years prior to his election to Superintendent, Doug Black worked as a foreman with the County Highway Department; he also served for more than ten years as the Montgomery County Sheriff's Deputy, and was a member of the County Commission from 1972 to 1975; and

WHEREAS, a true patriot, Mr. Black served with courage and distinction as a member of the United States Army from 1960 to 1962; and

WHEREAS, over the years Doug Black has been an active and important part of his community and his profession, participating in numerous worthy organizations, including the Clarksville Chamber of Commerce, Association of the United States Army, AP Governor's Club, Tennessee County Services Association, and Third Regional County Highway Officials Association, for which he served as President and Vice President; he was a member of the McAlister Masonic Lodge, the Shriners, and Palmyra Order of the Eastern Star; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Black was an active and devout member of the Locust Grove Cumberland Presbyterian Church, which he served faithfully as an Elder, Sunday School Superintendent, and men's Bible Class teacher; and

WHEREAS, he was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Doug Black enjoyed the loving companionship of his beloved wife of forty-seven years, Lawanda "Patsy" Hughes; they were the proud parents of one son, William Douglas "Bill" Black, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, William Douglas "Doug" Black, Sr., leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of William Douglas "Doug" Black, Sr., reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family and many friends of William Douglas "Doug" Black, Sr.,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

